



## PUBLICATIONS Story

### **Kingdom Math In Practice**

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Our group is in process of going through the TOT on the Kingdom Math lesson. They found the abbreviated format easy to follow. We broke the lesson into two parts (sessions).

The application for the first part was question #1 regarding a personal example of a kingdom math formula. They came back to class with their personal life kingdom math examples and we reviewed them. Dene helped us clarify the point that you plus whatever you have times God equals multiplied resources or effects plus, plus, plus (once God is in the equation). God is always the pivot point or equalizer in the equation.

We finished the second half, and the takeaway applications were to: (1) reflect and be prepared to discuss the consequences of not investing in the Kingdom and (2) report what we could do/have done that week to trust God to multiply our sacrifice for his purposes and (3) what specific ways we as individuals could put the lesson into practice this week.

We reflected on a Kingdom Math example that happened when our group was in its early stages. Three members of the group did a prayer walk through the neighborhood. We encountered people and conditions along the walk that we both spoke with and prayed about. Upon return to church and our class we were troubled by what we learned (both about our lack of knowledge of the neighborhood, its needs and realities) and with a burning desire to make a difference in the community. The result was the intentional involvement in the Sunrise Vista Apartment complex with the outreaches that we reported previously. The math equation looks like this:

3 people walking and praying  
+ encounters with 3 different people and circumstances in the community  
+ apartment management staff  
x God  
= new relationship with apartment management  
+ first outreach (first with about 10 church members/youth and reaching 6-10 residents)  
+ second outreach (with about 20-30 church members/youth, reaching 20+ residents)  
+ ministry to residents following family tragedy

Includes Attached Sample Handout  
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**INTRODUCTION:** In a previous session, “The Church as a Window,” the question was asked, “On the basis of your “talents”—your material and nonmaterial resources—do you sometimes think you are unable to contribute as much as others to the Kingdom?”

Do you think the poor, rich, and middle class have the **same amount** of ability and responsibility to serve and impact their society?

**OBJECTIVE:** In this session, we will see that **all** believers are called to invest what they have in the work of the Kingdom. **Nobody is exempt.** When we give God the little we have, He takes our “weakness” and turns it into strength (Isaiah 40:29). This truth can be converted into a formula:

Scripture/Math  
Conversion

“He gives strength to the weary and  
increases the power of the weak.”  
Isaiah 40:29

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Our weakness} \\ \times \text{ God} \\ \hline = \text{Strength} \end{array}$$

There are a number of biblical accounts that illustrate this truth. They include the feeding of the five thousand on the shore of Lake Galilee (John 6:1-14 and Matthew 14:21); the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:7-16 and 18:1); and the widow who gave her only two coins (Mark 12:41-44).

1. Can you think of examples in your own life in which God has taken your weakness and turned it into strength? How would you convert *your* own story into a mathematical formula?
2. Which other Bible stories can you recall in which God multiplied what appeared to be weak? *Example:* Gideon’s defeat of the Midianites (Judges 7).
3. What could be some of the consequences when church leaders do not teach people—even those who have little materially—to sacrificially give God what they have?
4. What are the implications of the parable of the talents for your life? See Matthew 25:14-30.

### Conclusions

- **All believers must invest in the Kingdom**
- **Nothing is too little or insignificant (talent, time, material, prayer, love, etc.)**
- **God multiplies what we give in loving obedience**
- **The less we have, the more God multiplies**
- **Consequences drastic if we do not invest**

- **Faith is the equalizer – the grand resource/gift**

**APPLICATION:** What could we do sacrificially, trusting God to multiply our sacrifice for His purposes? What are specific ways that we as individuals could put this lesson into practice this week?

## Kingdom Math Formulas

### The Boy and His Lunch

John 6:1-14; Matthew 14:21

	Boy
+	5 loaves & 2 fish
x	Jesus
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=	Food for 5,000 men
+	Food for women and children
+	12 baskets

### The Widow and Her Last Meal

1 Kings 17:7-16; 18:1

	Widow
+	1 cake
x	God
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=	1 cake
x	3 people (Elijah, widow, son)
x	365 days
x	3 years of famine
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=	5,475 cakes

### A Kingdom Formula

Matthew 5:16

*People as they are...*

+	Love for God
+	Faith
+	Obedience and sacrifice
x	God
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=	Great multiplication of blessing to others
+	the Kingdom is extended
+	Personal blessing (not just for you)
+	God is praised!

### The Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

	Servant
+	1 talent
x	0 (zero)
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=	0 talents
+	Servant thrown into darkness